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**Via ECF**

The Honorable Marvin J. Garbis  
United States District Court  
for the District of Maryland  
101 W. Lombard Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

RE: Cephus M. Murrell, *et al.* v.  
Mayor & City Council of Baltimore, *et al.*  
Civil Action No.: MJG-01-CV-3560

Dear Judge Garbis:

Please consider this a status report in the above-captioned case.

On May 8, 2002, this Court stayed and administratively closed this case pending the decision of the Court of Appeals of Maryland in related matters. On July 30, 2003, the Court of Appeals of Maryland issued an opinion in favor of Mr. Murrell, reversing both the Court of Special Appeals and Circuit Court decisions in the matter. It would appear at this juncture, therefore, that this case should be reopened. It is my suggestion that before active litigation resumes, the case should be referred to a Magistrate Judge for the purpose of settlement discussions. Attached is a copy of the Court of Appeals' opinion.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Howard J. Schulman

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